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Completed West Levee ribbon cutting ceremony Nov. 23

ALBUQUERQUE - The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD), in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony to showcase the new \$6.3 million Albuquerque West Levee on Nov. 23 at 11:00 a.m.

The ceremony will take place on the west side of the Rio Grande, southeast of Isleta Boulevard and Louise Avenue intersection in Albuquerque.

A map of the location is on the MRGCD website www.mrgcd.us.

"The Albuquerque West Levee was a spoil bank, non-engineered levee that did not meet current standards established by the Corps of Engineers and FEMA after Hurricane Katrina," said Subhas Shah, MRGCD Chief Engineer and CEO. "Several thousand property owners faced the dilemma of high flood insurance. The MRGCD with other local agencies and the Corps of Engineers worked diligently to construct this levee in record time."

"The new levee will provide flood insurance benefits to the people of the South Valley," he said.

Project funds were divided among three local sponsors. The MRGCD contributed \$4.3 million, Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA) and Bernalillo County each contributed \$1 million.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will reimburse the local sponsors 75 percent of the project cost once federal funds are received.

The public is invited to attend this ceremony.